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Dear Admiral Turner:

I have just observed your interview with Lee Phillips in Chicago and although it has been quite sometime since last I employed Special Forces soldiers in exercise posture in support of the great Atlantic Fleet, from where I sit you came across in the same positive, concise and unmistakably clear manner that you did for us so refreshingly whilst I had the John F. Kennedy Center.

I am currently posted as Commanding General, US Army Readiness Region V, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. I would be less than candid if I stated that this job was as fulfilling as those that have preceded it over the last thirty-three years. I miss the involvement in the affairs of the world and of course I will always miss being involved with troops in the Regular Army.

My family is doing well. The oldest boy, who you may recall is married to an Iranian gal, is working in the Washington area. Mike is teaching in Carolina and on a part-time basis is opening a musical instrument business. Sean is a junior executive trainee with Johnson & Johnson. Tim will finish law school this year, taking his Bar in February. Kirk works for Continental Airlines. And my Patrick left us this year to join the Illini. I think we've saved the best till last. He is a tremendous student and a fantastic golfer. He has picked up the Number Two berth on the Illini Team. Not bad for a new Freshman. Jackie is doing just great. We love being back home and Sheridan is great; however, I feel so out of the mainstream of where the action is.

Working the Reserve Components is a high hill to climb. Needless to say, we are hard at it. Life in the All-Volunteer environment sans

draft threat does not do much in the way of encouraging enlistments. We have other problems that involve people whose shelf life has long since run out, and who hang on (and who are allowed to hang on) for purposes of acquiring points toward retirement. I guess it is one of our contributions toward care of the aged. I sometimes think it to be an unnecessary expenditure. Many, if not most, of the senior officers in this region have never participated in any conflict.

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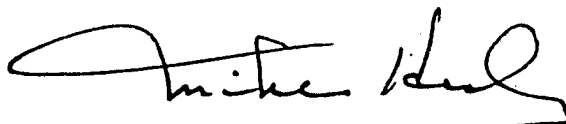
We do have access to transportation and some guest housing, and of course there is always the cavernous mansion that the Army has provided me as shelter; quite lovely albeit without an enlisted aide most difficult to manage.

We stand at your call to assist in any way possible. If I can be of some assistance, please do not hesitate to have your Aide get in touch. My office phone is: AC 312-926-3476/3376
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It was a great interview, Sir. I think you came across as usual as a strong, most knowledgeable fightin' man of the United States.

God Bless, always,

Most respectfully,



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Commanding